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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the entry of the National Stage, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491, in an International application. No fee or certification is required.

Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed International Search Report from corresponding International Application No. PCT/US03/08981.

REMARKS

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

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1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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